

October 5, 2010

Work Session of the City of Hiram, Georgia
217 Main Street, Hiram, Georgia
Hiram City Hall

The work session for October 5, 2010 of the City of Hiram was called to order by Mayor Rollins at 5:30 pm.

Work Session attendees: Mayor Carmen C. Rollins, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris, Councilman Derrick Battle, Councilwoman Earlene Graham, Councilwoman Helena Williams, City Attorney Glen Stinson, City Clerk Terri Holley, Deputy City Clerk Jill Head, City Operations Manager Jody Palmer, Police Chief Gary Yandura, Angela Wingers, Paulette Braddock, Douglas Munnell, Hugh Smith

Councilwoman Teresa Philyaw arrived at 5:48 pm.

1. Discussion took place regarding the variance for 2010-5-V-CITY OF HIRAM application made by Perspective Engineering, Inc on behalf of the Darden Restaurant Group. The Paulding County Zoning Board of Appeals recommended the variance for approval with a vote of 3-0 with an agreed upon stipulation that indicates the owner will have a maintenance agreement with the Georgia DOT to landscape the right-of-ways of US 278 and Greenfield Road. Mr. Palmer explained that the variance is needed in order for there to be ample space for The Olive Garden restaurant building and the necessary parking.
2. Hiram representative on the Economic Development Organization (EDO) Board, Hugh Smith, addressed the Mayor and Council in order to recommend that they consider Jim Croft as the replacement for Wayne Burns on the EDO. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Croft would be a great asset to the board and would keep the best interests of Paulding County in mind as well as promote and represent the City of Hiram honestly and reasonably. Mr. Smith also suggested to the Mayor and Council that they attend the EDO meeting on October 18, 2010 for a formal update from the board as well as show support for the board. He also suggested that the City of Hiram lead the way for funding for the board by bringing with them a check to be presented as a commitment gesture and to encourage the other entities to bring their funding to the EDO.

Jill Head
Deputy City Clerk